

I. AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph starting at page 1, line 2.

--This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/362,899, filed July 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,361,989, which claims priority to German Patent Appl. No. 199 24 365.4 filed May 27, 1999, the subject matter both of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.—

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 11, line 10 with the following paragraph.

—The following microorganisms have been deposited in the Deutsche Sammlung Von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen (DSMZ=German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (DSMZ), Mascheroder Weg 1b, D-38124 Braunschweig, Brunswick, Germany) under the terms of the Budapest Treaty:

- *Corynebacterium glutamicum* strain DSM5715/pZ1accDA as DSM12785
- *Corynebacterium glutamicum* strain DSM5715/pEK0accBCaccDA as DSM12787--